



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

CAIN ET AL

Serial No.: 09/816,864

Filed: April 15, 2001

Title: STRUCTURED PARTICULATE
SYSTEMS

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October 16, 2002

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 23, 2002, please amend the above
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 14 and 23 without prejudice.

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Please enter the following amended claims:

B¹ 12. (Amended) A structured particulate system comprising at least one
nutritionally active, organic solid component incorporated in a matrix which forms a
network completely incorporating said nutritionally active, organic solid component in a